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A Treatise on the Law of Building and Buildings. Especially referring to building contracts, leases, easements and liens; containing also various forms useful in building operations; a glossary of words and terms commonly used by builders and artisans; and a digest of the leading decisions on building contracts and leases in the United States. By A. Parlett Lloyd, of the Baltimore bar. Second edition, revised and enlarged; 1 vol., 8vo., sheep, \$5.00 net; cloth, \$4.50 net. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.

In this title the author has contrived to give an excellent description of the contents of his work. Building contracts and leases rest, of course, on the same fundamental principles as other contracts, their distinctive feature being the subject matter to which they relate. In the first instance building contracts are contracts for labor and material to be furnished under certain terms. But the result contemplated is a structure attached to the soil and therefore partaking of its character as realty. Hence, in determining the rights of parties to such contracts, a full discussion of the law of fixtures becomes valuable. The author's treatment of this complicated subject is clear and satisfactory. He also discusses with particularity the easements with which builders are chiefly concerned, party-walls, lateral and subjacent support, light and air, etc. The subject of building leases is treated at length as is also that of mechanics' liens. These topics have been ably expounded in general treatises on the law of real property and in Mr. Jones' exhaustive work on liens. But in this book we have the advantage of having them treated from a particular standpoint—that of the person who proposes to build. Furthermore, it is a convenience to have the whole body of law upon a single branch of industry collected into one volume. But the greatest service rendered by Mr. Lloyd in the preparation of this volume is the collection of valuable material relating specially to contracts of building; the relation between employer, architect, and builder; plans, specifications, certificates of approval, extras, and other subjects for a discussion of which we should otherwise seek in vain outside of the reported cases. When we consider the increasing importance of this branch of law, we will readily concede that there is a place for this volume in the library of every general practitioner.

Principles of Common Law Pleading. By John Jay McKelvey, of the New York Bar. Bound in cloth. Price, \$2.00 net. Baker, Voorhis & Co., New York, 1894.

This work is designed as a text-book on common-law pleading.